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Mr. Matthew Guariglia  
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Reference: F-2019-01919

Dear Mr. Guariglia:

On 28 May 2019, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 27 May 2019 correspondence requesting records under the Freedom of Information Act. This is an acknowledgement to advise you that we received your request. Specifically, your request is for **any files related to the SamSam Ransomware cyberattack against the city of Atlanta in March 2018 as well as the two indicted hackers Faramarz Shahi Savandi and Mohammad Mehdi Shah Mansouri**. Your request was assigned the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

Our officers will review and process your request in more detail and will only communicate to you if they should encounter any problems or if they cannot begin the search without additional information or clarification. We will search for CIA-originated records up to and including the date the Agency starts its search.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Lilly".

Mark Lilly  
Information and Privacy Coordinator

